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SUBJECT: DR. FAKHRI YASIN QADDURI, NEWLY-APPOINTED
SECRETARY GENERAL OF ARAB ECONOMIC UNITY COUNCIL

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1. SUMMARY: ELECTION OF GOVERNOR OF IRAQI CENTRAL BANK,
DR. FAKHRI YASIN QADDURI, EMPHASIZES IRAQ'S CONTINUING
MAJOR ROLE IN PAN-ARAB ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. INFORMATION
PROVIDED BY LOCAL SOURCE SUPPORTS KUWAIT'S REPORT THAT
WADDURI'S ELECTION RESULTED FROM IRAQI-EGYPTIAN COMPROMISE.
END SUMMARY.

2. ELECTION OF DR. FAKHRI YASIN QADDURI AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF ARAB ECONOMIC UTILITY COUNCIL (AEUC) REPLACING ABDUL AAL AL-SAGBAN CONTINUES PROMINENCE OF IRAQIS IN POSITIONS DEALING WITH PAN-ARAB ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. IRAQIS ALSO OCCUPY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERALSHIP FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE ARAB LEAGUE, AND DR. JAWAD HASHIM IS PRESIDENT OF THE ARAB MONETARY FUND.

3. LOCAL SOURCE CLAIMING ACCESS TO IRAQI INTELLIGENCE CORROBORATES KUWAIT'S REPORT OF AN IRAQI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT ON REPLACEMENT OF AL-SAGBAN AS SG OF AEUC. HE REPORTS THAT KUWAIT'S CANVASSING IN CAIRO LED TO COMPROMISE PROPOSAL BY ARAB LEAGUE SYG, MAHMOUD RIYADH, WHICH WAS CARRIED TO BAGHDAD BY ASSISTANT SYG OF LEAGUE, DR. HASSAN ZALZAALA (AN IRAQI). GOI ACCEPTED PROPOSAL WITH LITTLE ARGUMENT.

4. QADDURI IS A RESPECTED ECONOMIST WHO WAS APPOINTED MINISTER OF ECONOMY AFTER THE JULY 1968 BAATH REVOLUTION. HE LATER HELD THE PORTFOLIO OF MINISTER OF PLANNING BUT RESIGNED, ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE OF CRITICAL COMMENTS REGARDING HIS WEST GERMAN WIFE. IN 1977, HE WAS APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF IRAQ AND HAS SIMULTANEOUSLY CONTINUED TO HEAD THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL. QADDURI STUDIED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA AND HOLDS A DOCTORATE IN ECONOMICS

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